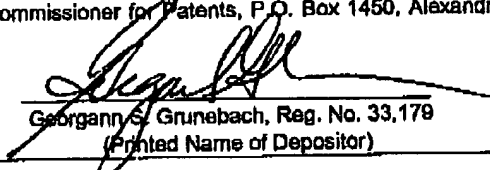


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Re: Serial No.: 10/723,617
Filing Date: November 25, 2003
Title: SMART CARD READER

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- > Response to Final Office Action dated May 26, 2005 (8 pages)
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For: SMART CARD READER :

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated May 26, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

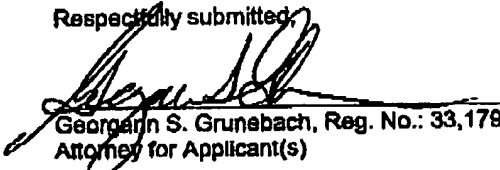
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

_____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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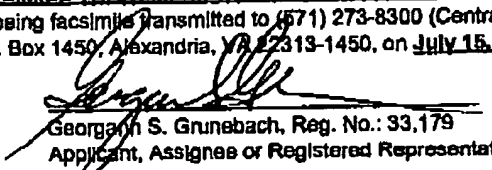
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO § 1.116

Mail Stop AF
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.